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SUBJECT: SECRETARY' S ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE SECRETARY

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1. I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTER BENHIMA
THE FOLLOWING LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU IN RESPONSE TO
YOUR MESSAGE CONVEYING COPY OF YOUR REPORT TO CONGRESS
ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY IN 1972. QUOTE:

EXCELLENCY,

I SHARE YOUR VIEWS THAT 1972 WITNESSED MANY EVENTS WHICH
DECIDEDLY HELPED THE WORLD TO ENTER A COMFORTING ERA OF
DETENTE WHICH I HOPE WILL BE ENCOURAGING FOR THE FUTURE.

IT IS, HOWEVER, GREATLY DESIRABLE FOR THE SAKE OF
CONSISTENCY THAT THE SPIRIT WHICH PREVAILED IN 1972
BE EXTENDED MORE POSITIVELY TO OTHER INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS
SOME OF WHICH ARE STILL A HAZARD THAT MAY, AT ANY MOMENT,
JEOPARDIZE THE EFFORTS MADE OF LATE AND THROW THE WORLD,
OR VITAL PARTS OF IT, INTO A PERIOD OF CRISES WITH NO
PROSPECT WHATEVER OF A REASONABLE SOLUTION.

AS FAR AS MOROCCO IS CONCERNED IT HAS ALWAYS SUPPORTED
EITHER IN AFRICA, IN THE MIDDLE EAST, IN EUROPE OR IN
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS ANY INITIATIVE OF PEACE,
THUS ADDING ITS EFFORTS TO THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES IN
PAVING THE WAY FOR THE GREAT POWERS TO LEAVE AN ERA OF
CRISES AND EVEN OF WAR AND ENTER INTO THAT OF DIALOGUE
AND PEACE.

WITH THIS IN VIEW, AND PARTICULARLY AFTER OUR LAST TALKS
IN WASHINGTON, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT MOROCCO'S WILL OF
COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES IS MORE REAL THAN EVER
IN OUR POLITICAL CONCEPT. I HAVE NO DOUBT WHATEVER THAT
IT IS THE SAME WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
TOWARDS MOROCCO.

SINCERELY YOURS,

/S/ AHMED TAIBE BENHIMA

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